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S. RES. 265

Commending the Florida State University football team for winning the
1999 Division 1–A collegiate football national championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the Florida State University football team for
winning the 1999 Division 1–A collegiate football na-
tional championship.

Whereas Florida State University is a proud member of the
Atlantic Coast Conference;

Whereas Florida State University has previously won the Di-
vision 1–A collegiate football national championship in
1993;

Whereas the students, alumni, and supporters of Florida
State University are to be commended for the dedication,
enthusiasm, and admiration they share for their favorite
football team;

Whereas Florida State University has one of the most exciting, prolific, and successful college football programs in the country;

Whereas Florida State University's football team won the 1999 Atlantic Coast Conference championship in football and finished the season undefeated and untied with a record of 12–0;

Whereas Florida State University is to be commended for being the first Division 1–A collegiate football team to be ranked number one the entire season by the Associated Press since the preseason rankings began in 1950;

Whereas Florida State University has won 108 football games between 1990 and 1999, more than any other Division 1–A college football team in the Nation during this period;

Whereas Florida State University should be commended for extending their NCAA record streak of top-four finishes in the final Associated Press poll to 13 years in a row, the only Division 1–A college football team to have accomplished this feat;

Whereas Bobby Bowden, Florida State University's legendary head football coach, is to be commended for surpassing the 300-victory plateau this year and for obtaining his first perfect season in 40 years as a head coach;

Whereas Florida State University is to be commended for having 20 of its football players selected to the 1999 All Atlantic Coast Conference football team;

Whereas Florida State University is to be commended for having 4 of its football players honored as 1999 Consensus All-Americans;

Whereas the 1999 Florida State University football team played and beat Louisiana Tech University, 41 to 7; Georgia Tech University, 41 to 35; North Carolina State University, 42 to 11; University of North Carolina, 42 to 10; Duke University, 51 to 23; University of Miami, 31 to 21; Wake Forest University, 33 to 10; Clemson University, 17 to 14; University of Virginia, 35 to 10; University of Maryland, 49 to 10; and University of Florida, 30 to 23;

Whereas Florida State University played Virginia Tech University in the Bowl Championship Series' Nokia Sugar Bowl on January 4, 2000, for the 1999 Division 1–A collegiate football national championship;

Whereas the Virginia Tech University football team and Head Coach Frank Beamer and his staff are to be commended for an outstanding football season, winning the 1999 Big East Conference football championship and for playing in the 1999 Division 1–A collegiate football national championship game;

Whereas Florida State University beat Virginia Tech by the score of 46 to 29 before a sold-out and electrified crowd of 79,280 in the Louisiana Superdome to win the 1999 Division 1–A college football championship; and

Whereas Florida State University now joins an elite group of only 14 Division 1–A collegiate football teams out of 114 Division 1–A universities which have won at least 2 or more Division 1–A collegiate football national championships: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) commends Florida State University for win-
2 ning the 1999 Division 1–A collegiate football na-
3 tional championship;

4 (2) recognizes the achievements of all the play-
5 ers, coaches, and support staff who were instru-
6 mental in helping Florida State University win the
7 1999 Division 1–A collegiate football national cham-
8 pionship and invites them to the United States Cap-
9 itol Building to be honored;

10 (3) requests that the President recognize the
11 accomplishments and achievements of the 1999
12 Florida State University football team and invite
13 them to Washington, D.C. for the traditional White
14 House ceremony held for national championship
15 teams; and

16 (4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make
17 available enrolled copies of this resolution to Florida
18 State University for appropriate display and to
19 transmit an enrolled copy of the resolution to each
20 coach and member of the 1999 Division 1–A colle-
21 giate national championship football team.

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